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PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR OLSON FROM NEWSOM

1. I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD AT YOUR RESPECTIVE CONFERENCE UNDERTAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CHAIRING PANEL THREE ON QUOTE: US POSTURE TOWARD (A) INTER-AFRICAN DISPUTES, AND (B) EMERGENCE OF REGIONALLY DOMINANT STATES. ENDQUOTE.

2. WHILE YOUR PRESENT POST, I THINK, PLACES YOU IN A PARTICULARLY PERTINENT POSITION TO OBSERVE THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR US POLICY, I HOPE YOU WILL ALSO FEEL FREE TO DRAW ON YOUR THOUGHTS AND EXPERIENCE ELSEWHERE IN ORDER TO PUT THIS TOPIC IN WIDEST PERSPECTIVE AND STIMULATE LIVELY DISCUSSION.

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3. I ENVISAGE DEVOTING APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR TO THIS

ISSUE, BEGINNING WITH A 10-12 MINUTE LEAD PRESENTATION BY YOU, FOLLOWED BY 5 MINUTE COMMENTS BY OTHER PANEL MEMBERS, BEFORE OPENING THE FLOOR TO GENERAL DISCUSSION.

4. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK AMBASSADOR ANDERSON AND MR. MCFARLAND TO ASSIST YOU IN CONDUCTING THIS PANEL. MR. COURTENAYE IS INVITED TO SERVE AS RAPPORTEUR AS WELL AS PARTICIPATING IN THE DISCUSSION.

5. I SUGGEST THAT THE CHAIRMAN IN EACH INSTANCE COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH THE OTHER DESIGNATED MEMBERS OF HIS PANEL REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS DISCUSSION. IF ANY OF US IN AF CAN HELP, DON'T HESITATE TO LET US KNOW.

FOR BANJUL: IN ADDITION TO PARTICIPATING AS MEMBER PANEL III, WOULD ALSO BE GRATEFUL IF MCFARLAND WOULD HELP OUT BY SERVING AS RAPPORTEUR PANEL V. RUSH

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